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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 2, and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nobileau et al. (4903776).

Nobileau et al. disclose a one trip method of tensioning and sealing a string comprising: running a string ("casing", col. 2, line 56) and a seal 81 together into a wellhead 11; securing the string (col. 5, line 48); positioning the seal 81 (figure 2b); pulling a tensile force (col. 6, line 42); securing the seal (col. 6, line 37); securing the seal 81 to the hanger 17 (figure 2b); and securing the hanger 17 and seal 81 to the wellhead (figure 4b).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 8, 9, and 18-20 are allowed.

Claims 3-7, 10-14, 16, and 17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, see page 7, filed 6 June 2005, with respect to the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 102 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Nobileau et al. Based on figure 4b, the examiner concludes seal or packoff 81 remains in the well after the mandrel 27 attached to running tool 25 is pulled to the surface (col. 6, lines 54-62). Further, the disclosure suggests a one trip method since there is no mention of another tool to seal then release the mandrel.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew J. Smith whose telephone number is 571-272-7034. The examiner can normally be reached on T-F, 9-4.

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